

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10 and 11 are all the claims pending in the present application, claims 4 and 9 having been canceled as indicated herein. Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the previous rejections. However, the Examiner now applies a new reference to support the prior art rejections. Specifically, claims 5-11 are now rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Prakash et al (Ravi Prakash, Sanket Nesargi, "MANETconf: Configuration of Hosts in a Mobile Ad Hoc Network", IEEE, 2002). Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Gloe (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004-0083306) in view of Prakash.

§ 102(e) Rejections (Gloe / Prakash) - Claims 1-4

Claims 1-4 are rejected based on the reasons set forth on pages 6-9 of the Office Action.

With respect to independent claim 1, Applicants submit that neither of the applied references, alone or in combination, discloses or suggests at least, "wherein the broadcast messages are one-hop broadcast messages, and each entry of the Duplicate Address Detection (DAD) table is periodically updated by the one-hop broadcast messages," as recited in claim 1. An exemplary result of amended claim 1 could be that a load imposed on an entire network may be reduced based on the use of the one-hop broadcast messages.

At least based on the foregoing, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over the applied references.

Applicants submit that dependent claims 2 and 3 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependencies from independent claim 1.

§ 103(a) Rejections (Prakish) - Claims 5-11

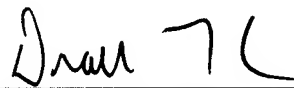
Applicants submit that independent claim 5 is patentable at least based on reasons similar to those set forth above with respect to claim 1.

Applicants submit that claims 6-8, 10, and 11 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependencies from independent claim 5.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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